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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency financial assistance to agricultural producers who suffer severe crop losses in federally designated disaster areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. POMBO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HERGER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. ROSE, Mr. DOOLEY, and Mr. CALVERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL**
4 **PRODUCERS IN DISASTER AREAS.**

5 (a) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
6 Agriculture may provide emergency financial assistance to
7 agricultural producers for crop and operating losses in-

1 curred as a result of damages to, or the destruction of,
2 an agricultural commodity that—

3 (1) is grown in an area designated as the site
4 of a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford
5 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
6 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.);

7 (2) is normally produced by the producer, but
8 was damaged, destroyed, or prevented from being
9 planted because of the natural disaster that was the
10 basis for the designation or because of conditions di-
11 rectly related to the natural disaster; and

12 (3) is not an agricultural commodity that was
13 eligible for crop insurance coverage under the Fed-
14 eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) be-
15 fore the natural disaster.

16 (b) USE OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary
17 shall use existing authorities available to the Secretary to
18 provide assistance under subsection (a). In using such au-
19 thorities, the Secretary may waive any provision of law
20 that otherwise prevents an agricultural producer described
21 in subsection (a) from receiving assistance, except that the
22 Secretary may not waive crop loss requirements that con-
23 dition the receipt of crop insurance or disaster assistance.

24 (c) PREVENTION OF DUPLICATION.—An agricultural
25 producer may not receive assistance under subsection (a)

1 if the producer is compensated for the same loss under
2 any other provision of law.

3 (d) EFFECT ON EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—The re-
4 ceipt by an agricultural producer of assistance under sub-
5 section (a) shall not be construed to make the agricultural
6 producer eligible for any other Federal assistance pro-
7 gram.

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